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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment	·	Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	20	MINUS	20	00	x 25 =	x 50 =
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2005 please consider the following remarks regarding the above-identified patent application:

No amendments are made to the present application.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.